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¶1. (SBU) Embassy delivered reftel points jointly with Russian and Dutch troika counterparts to Oleh Klynchenko at Ukraine's Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MFA) on April 23. Klynchenko, who heads the MFA's Political Planning Division, said that Ukraine would send at least two, and possibly up to four, representatives to the Hague for the Global Initiative to Combat Nuclear Terrorism (GICNT) Plenary June 16-17. Klynchenko said that the GOU had not yet determined who would represent Ukraine but that its delegation would include representatives from the MFA and the Security Service of Ukraine (SBU). After reviewing the draft agenda, Klynchenko said that the GOU plans to speak at one or more of the working group sessions.

¶2. (SBU) Klynchenko thanked the U.S. for providing financial assistance via the Embassy's Customs Attaché so that Ukraine was able to send representatives to recent GICNT events in Garmisch and Seoul. He affirmed that the GOU highly values its participation in GICNT events and that it expects to have enough funds to participate in GICNT events through 2009. Klynchenko said that Ukraine would send up to four participants from the SBU to the upcoming workshop in Morocco.

¶3. (SBU) Klynchenko explained that a number of events in the "spirit of GICNT" would take place in Ukraine in 2009-2010. The Ukrainian NGO "Scientific Research, Information, and Analysis Center LEX" will host an event on countering nuclear terrorism in September 2009 in Kyiv. He also mentioned that the GUAM Organization for Democracy and Economic Development, with the support of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime, would hold a regional workshop on countering terrorism this year. The GOU also is planning a tactical exercise on countering terrorism in either 2009 or 2010 near Chernobyl.

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